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IN THE CLAIMS

1-5. canceled

6. (currently amended) A method of making an emulsified absorption base comprising:

a) heating white petrolatum up to 80°C; and
b) adding an effective amount of methyl glucose dioleate to the white petrolatum and mixing the two components together to form [[the]] an absorption base; and

c) diluting the absorption base with water preheated to up to 50 °C to form the emulsified absorption base for skin use alone or skin use when the emulsified absorption base is combined with other ingredients.

7. (original) The method of claim 6, further comprising adding a preservative system to the absorption base to form a preservative system-containing absorption base.

8. canceled

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 6, further including adding an effective amount of a hydrocortisone or a hydrocortisone salt to the absorption base.

10-16. canceled

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17. (currently amended) A method of making an emulsified absorption base comprising:

a) heating white petrolatum up to 80°C; and

b) adding an effective amount a non-lanolin based emulsifier that falls within the range of 3 HLB units of the HLB value of petrolatum (HLB 4) of the emulsifier of claim 10 to the white petrolatum and mixing the two components together to form the absorption base; and

diluting the absorption base with water preheated to up to 50°C to form an emulsified absorption base for skin use alone or skin use when the emulsified absorption base is combined with other ingredients.

18. (original) The method of claim 17, further comprising adding a preservative system to the absorption base to form a preservative system-containing absorption base.

19. canceled

20. (currently amended) The method of claim 17, further including adding an effective amount of a hydrocortisone or a hydrocortisone salt to the absorption base.

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21. (currently amended) The method or base of claim [[3]] 7, wherein the preservative system is DMDM hydantoin [[(and) Iodo]] and iodo propynyl butyl carbamate.

22-25. canceled

26. (currently amended) The method of claim 7, further including adding an effective amount of a hydrocortisone or a hydrocortisone salt to the absorption base.

27-36. canceled

37. (currently amended) The method of claim 18, further including adding an effective amount of a hydrocortisone or a hydrocortisone salt to the absorption base.

38-40. canceled

41. (currently amended) The method or base of claim 18 wherein the preservative system is DMDM hydantoin [[(and) Iodo]] and iodo propynyl butyl carbamate.